



## Mayoral Community Message

10/04/23

Dear Scarsdale,

I hope that you and your families are safe in the wake of the latest storm. I want to thank our dedicated staff whether it be our first responders, public works team, or other department members for their tireless work during this latest rain event. We will be continuing our stormwater conversations in the coming days and weeks, both locally and regionally. I have already been in touch with our state representatives in the Senate and Assembly as well as our County Executive and expect to continue conversations very soon.

On behalf of the Village Board, I want to take this opportunity to make sure that the community has a clear understanding of the current state of affairs in our Village government. We are aware that some have wondered whether there will be any changes in day-to-day operations following the departure of our former Village Manager. We want to address some of these comments and questions.

**First, our Village is running smoothly and without interruption.** Scarsdale's Acting Village Manager, Alex Marshall is overseeing the day-to-day administration of the Village. Ms. Marshall is an outstanding public servant who has been Scarsdale's Deputy Village Manager and is experienced in the daily operations of the Village. We are fortunate that she will work with our exceptional department heads who continue to keep the community safe and well served. Nothing has changed in the day-to-day operations of the Village. The Board will provide oversight and guidance regarding budgetary and policy matters.

**Second, on the advice of counsel, we will not be discussing the employment of our former Village Manager at this time.**

**Finally, we have begun the process of finding a replacement to fulfill the Village Manager role.** We will be working closely with qualified experts, running a national search, dedicated to attracting the best talent to our wonderful community.

The Board recognizes its role as stewards, committed to continued excellence, and always seeks to channel the cooperative spirit of volunteerism and professionalism that has long served Scarsdale. We are truly grateful for your patience and trust and pledge frequent updates to and — opportunities for input from you — our residents.

Sincerely,

Justin Arest  
Mayor